

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 16, 2005, Applicants have added new claim 22 and hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, species II (Figs. 4 and 8) for initial examination in the present application. Claims 1-6, 8, 15, 17-19, and new claim 22 read on the elected species. New claim 22 is generic to all of species I-V outlined in the Office Action.

Applicants, however, respectfully traverse the election requirement since all of species I-V are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for species II would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the non-elected species. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the election requirement be withdrawn and that all species claimed herein be examined.


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